

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application.

AMENDMENT OF CLAIMS

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Wozniak for his time during the teleconference of October 13, 2004, and for reviewing a proposed set of claims. Applicants have amended the independent claims to overcome the prior art of Zavoli and Power, as discussed with the Examiner in the teleconference. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the set of amended claims.

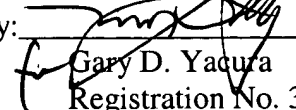
CONCLUSION

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Gary Yacura at (703) 668-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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